GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Education Level of Girls
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the education level in minority girls in the country is not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of schemes implemented by the Government to promote education amongst minority girls and women in the country, especially in the rural areas; and

(d) the details of fund allocated/utilized during each of the last three years to promote education amongst minority girls and women in the country, State-wise including Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) & (b): As per the available segregated data based on Census 2001 and 2011, the literacy rate among the girls in the country indicates varying female literacy rates and improvement among various minority communities/categoriesas follows:-

Communities / Categories Female Literacy Rate (%)
2001 2011
Muslim 50.1 62.0
Christian 76.2 81.5
Sikh 63.1 70.3
Buddhist 61.7 74.0
Jain 90.6 92.9
Other Religions and Persuasions* 33.2 49.1
*The Parsisare included among 'Other Religions and Persuasions'.

The national data of female literacy rate is as below:-
1. 53.7% as per Census 2001.
2. 64.6% as per Census 2011.

(c): This Ministry implements the following schemes for educational empowerment of the six notified minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains, including minority girls and women throughout the country, including the rural areas:-
(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
(2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
(3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
(4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority
(5) Free coaching and allied Scheme
(6) "PadhoPardesh"− Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans forOverseas Studies for the Students belonging to the Minority Communities
(7) Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State PublicService Commission (PSC) etc. (NaiUdaan).

At least, 30% of scholarships are earmarked for girl studentsunder the schemes at serial No.(1) to (5). In addition, an exclusive scholarship scheme for minority girls studying in class XI and XII, namely, Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to minorities, is implemented through Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous body under this Ministry. The details of the schemes are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).

(d): The details of funds allocated/utilized during each of the last three years for educational empowerment of the six notified minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains, including minority girls and women throughout the country, including Jharkhand, are on the website of the Ministry at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

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